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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, AO, CG, BE
SUBJECT: ANGOLAN'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE RE:
SHABA INCURSION

REF: A) BRUSSELS 9399, B) STATE 124814

1. ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR DE ALMEIDA TELEPHONED US EARLY
MORNING MAY 18 SAYING HE HAD ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT'S
REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE RE: SHABA INCURSION
(REFTELS). POLITICAL OFFICER PICKED UP ADVANCED
COPY OF ANGOLAN REPLY WHICH AMBASSADOR DE ALMEIDA
WILL DELIVER FORMALLY TO AMBASSADOR CHAMBERS AT
11:00 A.M. MAY 18.

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PORTUGUESE TEXT
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FOLLOWS:

"CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

--- THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA STILL IS LIVING WITH
THE EFFECTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION OF MAY 4

IN KASSINGA AND ITS CURRENT PREOCCUPATION IS TO HANDLE THE HUNDREDS OF WOUNDED NAMIBIANS AND CARE FOR THE CHILDREN, WIDOWS AND OLD PEOPLE WHO SURVIVED AND REPAIR THE MATERIAL DAMAGES CAUSED.

--- THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF ALMOST DAILY AGGRESSIONS COMING FROM NAMIBIA AND FROM ZAIRE, FROM WHERE ARMED BANDS OPERATE, TRAINED AND ARMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTACKING ANGOLA.

--- THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, WHICH REQUIRES RESPECT FOR ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, FOR ITS PART, RESPECTS ITS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND NEVER TRIED TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES OR TO DEVIATE FROM THE PRINCIPLES OF THE OAU WHICH IT DEFENDS.

--- WITH RESPECT TO SHABA, THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS CONCERNED THAT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE PURELY INTERNAL MATTERS OF ZAIRE, MIGHT SERVE AS A PRETEXT TO PROVOKE OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS ANGOLA, CUBA, THE SOVIET UNION, ALGERIA, LIBYA, AND ZAMBIA.

--- ONCE MORE, WE DECLARE THAT THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS NOT INVOLVED WITH THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS' IN SHABA AND THERE ARE NO CHANGES ALONG OUR COMMON
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FRONTIERS WITH ZAIRE. THE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES IN ANGOLA ARE A CONSIDERABLE BURDEN FOR OUR ECONOMY BUT NEVERTHELESS WE CARRY THIS BURDEN AS A DUTY AND DO NOT PLAN TO TRANSFORM IT INTO A DISGRACE FOR THE COUNTRY.

--- THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA WOULD LIKE TO SEE NORMALIZED THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE WHERE IT IS SAID THERE EXISTS A GRAVE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL CRISIS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE NORMALIZED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AS A CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL PEACE.

--- IN THIS SAME SPIRIT THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA WILL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSIT OF CITIZENS FROM WHATEVER COUNTRY WHO DESIRE TO LEAVE THE AFFECTED AREAS OF SHABA AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

--- THE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN OF THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA SEEKING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS POLITICAL OPTION DOES NOT FAVOR STABILITY AND PEACE. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE EXTINGUISHING OF CONFLICTS IN THIS AREA, RESPECTING UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES.

--- WE ARE PLEASED BY THE FACT THAT THERE EXISTS A
WILL TO IMPROVE ANGOLA-U.S. RELATIONS, WHICH ONLY
DEPENDS ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE WILL
SALUTE ANY DEVELOPMENT IN THIS SENSE. WE THANK YOU
IMMENSELY FOR THE MESSAGE SENT.

JOSE EDUARDO DOS SANTOS

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